Operations of Airlines of non-profitable routes

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(a) the non-profit making routes, where Indian Airlines and Alliance Air is operating;

(b) whether private airlines are also operating on these non-profitable routes;

(c) if so, the comparative details with regard to operations of both private and public sector airlines on such routes;

(d) whether Government are considering any proposal to make it mandatory for private airlines to operate on non-profitable routes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The details of non-profit making routes being operated by Indian Airlines/Alliance Air and the status of operations of private airlines on these routes are as under:—

Sl. No.	Routes operated by Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air	Jet Airways	Sahara Airlines	Air Deccan
1.	Delhi-Srinagar-Leh	Delhi-Srinagar	Delhi-Srinagar	—
2.	Kolkata-Bagdogra	Operating	—	—
3.	Kolkata-Imphal	Operating	—	—
4.	Delhi-Leh	Operating	—	—
5.	Delhi-Srinagar	Operating	Operating	—
6.	Chennai-Port Blair	Operating	—	—
7.	Leh-Jammu	—	—	—
8.	Agartala-Guwahati	Operating	—	—
9.	Kolkata-Aizwal-Imphal	—	—	—
10	Kolkata-Tezpur-Dimapur-Kolkata	—	—	—
11.	Kolkata-Tezpur-Jorhat-Kolkata	—	—	—
12.	Leh-Chandigarh	—	—	—
13.	Kolkata-Silchar	—	—	—
14.	Silchar-Imphal	—	—	—
15.	Kolkata-Dimapur	—	—	—
16.	Kolkata-Aizwal	—	—	—
17.	Delhi-Patna	Operating	Operating	—

Sl. No.	Routes operated by Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air	Jet Airways	Sahara Airlines	Air Deccan
18.	Hyderabad-Tirupati	—	—	Operating
19.	Bangalore-Puttaparthy (operation suspended w.e.f. Febraury, 2005)	—	—	—
20.	Mumbai-Vadodra	Operating	—	Operating
21.	Mumbai-Rajkot-Vadodra-Mumbai	Mumbai-Rajkot Mumbai	—	—
22.	Mumbai-Bhavnagar	Operating	—	Operating
23.	Delhi-Agra-Khajuraho-Varanasi (Alliance Air has stopped operations w.e.f. 28.01.2005)	Delhi-Varansi-Khajuraho	—	—
24.	Mumbai-Jamnagar	—	—	—
25.	Mumbai-Mangalore	Operating	—	—
26.	Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	Operating	—	Operating
27.	Kolkata-Shillong	—	—	—
28.	Guwahati-Kolkata	Operating	Operating	Operating
29.	Guwahati-Dimapur	—	—	—
30.	Guwahati-Lilabari	—	—	—
31.	Kolkata–Dimapur	—	—	—
32.	Kolkata-Aizwal-Imphal	—	—	—
33.	Guwahati-Imphal	Operating	—	—
34.	Shillong-Dimapur-Aizawl-Shillong	—	—	—
35.	Silchar-Agartala	—	—	—
36.	Kolkata-Agartala	Operating	—	—
37.	Shillong-Silchar	—	—	—
38.	Kolkata-Dimapur-Jorhat-Kolkata	—	—	—
39.	Shillong-Aizwal	—	—	—
40.	Guwahati-Agartala	Operating	—	—
41.	Guwahati-Silchar	—	—	—
42.	Guwahati-Aizwla	—	—	—

(d) and (e) As per the Route Dispersal Guidelines laid down by Government, all operators are required to deploy in Category II at least 10% of the capacity deployed by them on routes in Category I and of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category II routes, atleast 10% would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep. The operators are also required to deploy in Category III, at least 50% of the capacity deployed on routes in Category I. Category II and IIA routes are considered to be non-profitable routes. All operators are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines.